



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 1777, the Second Constitutional Congress adopted a flag featuring thirteen white stars in a circle on a field of blue and thirteen red and white strips, one for each of the founding colonies; and

**WHEREAS**, our country's flag is a symbol which represents our land, our people, our government and the ideals of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in the early 1900s, several individuals and organizations are credited for laying the groundwork in establishing a national observance of Flag Day; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation and called on our nation to observe the fourteenth day of June as Flag Day with special patriotic exercises to give significant expression to our thoughtful love of America; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 3, 1949, to commemorate the adoption of our flag, a joint resolution was passed by the United States Congress designating June 14 of each year as Flag Day; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 1966, a joint resolution was passed by the United States Congress requesting the President to annually issue a proclamation designating National Flag Week during the week in which June 14 occurs; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of our country will be called upon to display the flag of the United States of America during that week; and

**WHEREAS**, today citizens throughout our country celebrate Flag Day by flying our flag, attending parades, and celebrating with ceremonies that promote patriotism and respect for our flag;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2013, as Flag Day, and the week of June 10-16, 2013 as

*Flag Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-ninth day of April, 2013.

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Governor

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Secretary of State